

INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY & PSYCHOLOGY

Guide to the New TASC Course



The new *Introduction to Sociology and Psychology* Level 2 course is unique to Tasmania.

Teachers have some flexibility to make decisions about the sequence of learning, the emphasis to be given to particular areas of content and any adjustments required, based on the needs, interests and abilities of their students.

WHAT IS SIMILAR?

Students will continue to:

- study an introductory module on sociology, psychology and the underpinning research methodology
- know and use the basic terms, concepts and principles that are fundamental to sociology, psychology and research methodology
- be explicitly taught sociological and psychological knowledge and the development of behavioural literacy
- develop high-level skills in oral and written responses.

WHAT IS DIFFERENT?

- Compulsory modules make up 60% of the course content and elective modules 40%.
- Explicit content for each module of study.
- Limited choice from a restricted number of elective modules.
- Course criteria and standards have been written to be more explicit.
- Greater exposure to sociological and psychological theories.
- Completion of short social inquiries for each module.

HOW DOES THE COURSE CATER FOR ALL STUDENTS?

- Learners studying *Introduction to Sociology and Psychology* Level 2 require no previous experience but a C at Year 10 Australian Curriculum: English or equivalent is desirable.
- It is inclusive of the learning needs of all students.
- Particular advice about supporting students with need is included in on-line support material.

WHAT SUPPORT IS PROVIDED?

- A course supplement designed to support teachers new to or returning to teaching this course.
- Professional Learning to support course implementation.
- Advice on programming (scope and sequence documentation).